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1. (C)

PRESIDENT CHAVEZ WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE APPEARED ON THE
TELEVISION OVER FOUR HOURS AGO.

### VICE ADMIRAL MURDERED?

2. (U) AN EMBASSY FSN REPORTS THAT A NATIONAL GUARD SOURCE HAS CONTACTED HER WITH THE INFORMATION THAT VICE ADMIRAL MOLINA TAMAYO, ONE OF THE OFFICERS WHO PUBLICLY STATED HIS OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT CHAVEZ, HAS BEEN MURDERED. OTHER SOURCES REPORT THAT HE WAS ALIVE A HALF HOUR AGO. EMBASSY DAO IS TRYING TO CONFIRM THIS INFORMATION.

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# VIOLENCE FLARING ANEW

3. (U) THERE ARE REPORTS THAT A LARGE HOSTILE CROWD IS GATHERING IN FRONT OF LOCAL TELEVISION STATION GLOBOVISION. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS OF RENEWED LOOTING IN PARTS OF THE CITY SUCH AS CARICUAO, EL PARAISO, LA CAMPINE, LA FLORESTA, LA TRINIDAD, PRADOS DEL ESTE, AND PETARE. U.S. TV STATIONS ARE REPORTING THAT THERE WILL BE UNREST TOMORROW IN CARACAS AND THAT THERE WILL BE A DEMONSTRATION IN FRONT OF PETROLEOS DE VENEZUELA (PDVSA) HEADQUARTERS AT 1000AM.

## MORGUE REPORT

4. (U) WE HAVE RECEIVED A REPORT THAT AS OF 1800 HOURS THE CITY MORGUE HAD CLOSED ITS BOOKS FOR THE DAY WITH 25 DEAD OF GUNSHOT WOUNDS, RUMORED TO BE THE RESULT OF BOLIVARIAN CIRCLE ATTACKS, AND FOUR RUN OVER.

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